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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 91**

Introduced By: Cornett, 45;  
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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-2102 and  
2 79-2107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to  
3 change provisions relating to formation of certain learning  
4 communities; to repeal the original sections; and to declare  
5 an emergency.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 79-2102, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
2 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

3           79-2102. (1) On or before August 1, 2006, and on or before  
4 August 1 following the official designation of any new city of the  
5 metropolitan class or any valid request to form a new learning  
6 community, the Secretary of State shall certify the establishment of a  
7 new learning community with an effective date of September 1 of the  
8 year of such certification to the county clerks and county assessors  
9 of the counties with territory in the new learning community, to the  
10 Property Tax Administrator, to the State Department of Education, and  
11 to the school boards of the member school districts of the new  
12 learning community. A learning community shall be established for each  
13 city of the metropolitan class and shall include all school districts  
14 for which the principal office of the school district is located in  
15 the county where the city of the metropolitan class is located, ~~and~~  
16 ~~all school districts for which the principal office of the school~~  
17 ~~district is located in a county that has a contiguous border of at~~  
18 ~~least five miles in the aggregate with such city of the metropolitan~~  
19 ~~class.~~ A learning community may also be established for one or more  
20 counties at the request of the school boards of all school districts  
21 for which the principal office of the school district is located in  
22 the specified county or counties if such school districts have a  
23 minimum combined total of at least two thousand students, except that  
24 districts in local systems that are in the sparse cost grouping or the  
25 very sparse cost grouping as described in section 79-1007.02 need not  
26 have a minimum combined total of at least two thousand students but a  
27 learning community with fewer than two thousand students shall include

1 at least two school districts. Such requests shall be received by the  
2 Secretary of State on or before March 1 to be effective the following  
3 September 1.

4 (2) On or before September 1 following the certification of  
5 the establishment of a new learning community, the school board of  
6 each member school district shall appoint a member of such school  
7 board to serve on the learning community coordinating council and  
8 shall notify the Secretary of State of the appointment. The Secretary  
9 of State or his or her designee shall convene a meeting of the new  
10 council during the month of September and each month thereafter  
11 through the following June. At the September meeting, the council  
12 shall elect officers and shall begin taking the necessary steps to  
13 begin operating as a learning community. The Secretary of State or his  
14 or her designee shall schedule and host each meeting and shall serve  
15 as a facilitator at each meeting. The Secretary of State may contract  
16 for facilitation services. In any fiscal year that one or more new  
17 learning communities are established, the Secretary of State shall  
18 report to the Education Committee of the Legislature on or before  
19 December 31 and on or before June 30, regarding the progress of any  
20 new learning community coordinating councils.

21 Sec. 2. Section 79-2107, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
22 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

23 79-2107. The boundaries of all school districts for which  
24 the principal office of the school district is located in a county  
25 where a city of the metropolitan class is located on July 14, 2006,  
26 ~~and all school districts for which the principal office of the school~~  
27 ~~district is located in a county that has a contiguous border of at~~

1 ~~least five miles in the aggregate with such city of the metropolitan~~  
2 ~~class on July 14, 2006,~~ shall remain as depicted on March 1, 2006,  
3 on the map kept by the county clerk pursuant to section 79-490, until  
4 a learning community has been formed for such city of the metropolitan  
5 class.

6           Sec. 3. Original sections 79-2102 and 79-2107, Revised  
7 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, are repealed.

8           Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
9 when passed and approved according to law.